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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that was filed on March 8, 2006, and to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on June 16, 2004, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a European Search Report dated August 18, 2006, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 00908039.1, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,023,487 to MITTER, which issued on May 17, 1977; and
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 3,227,136 to BARTLETT et al., which issued on January 4, 1966.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the European Search Report.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The above-noted documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued since the filing of the RCE, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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